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Application of: Akihiko SHIMIZU, et al.

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Examiner: A. Psitos

For : OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM WITH A
PARTITION WALL BETWEEN AN INFORMATION TRACKS
GROOVE AND A PREFORMAT PIT ENCODING INFORMATION
THEREFOR

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

It is respectfully requested that the period for filing a response to the final Office Action dated January 24, 2001 be extended by three months, i.e. from April 24, 2001 to July 24, 2001.

Enclosed is a check for the \$890.00 statutory extension fee for filing a response within the third month pursuant to 1.136(a) by other than a small entity.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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